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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Talks with Charles Battaglia Regarding Senate Select
Committee on Intelligence (SSCI) Use of the Polygraph

1. On Tuesday, June 25, 1985, Charles Battaglia, SSCI staff, called to let us know that he had proposed to Staff Director Bernie McMahon that SSCI staffers be subjected to a limited counterintelligence polygraph examination as a regular committee procedure. He said Bernie appeared to be favorably disposed to the idea. Charley asked if I knew what the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI) attitude was regarding use of the polygraph. I told him that some of the HPSCI staff had indicated a willingness to be polygraphed, but we knew of nothing in the way of formal consideration by HPSCI.

2. On Wednesday, June 26, 1985, Battaglia called back to ask if we could furnish him with the six questions used in a standard counterintelligence polygraph exam, and some pro and con polygraph arguments that he could incorporate in a memo for Committee consideration. I told him I would get back to him.

3. On Thursday, June 27, 1985, after conversations with [redacted] on the subject, I called Battaglia and told him that we could not help him with his polygraph material. I explained that at this early stage of the issue within SSCI we did not wish to be involved in this matter. I said that if the Committee officially requested assistance, we would be most responsive, but right now we strongly preferred to stay out of it. Charley appeared to understand and accept this.

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